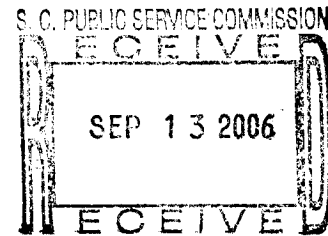


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September 12, 2006

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and First Communications LLC for (i) Authority for First Communications, LLC to Provide Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services throughout the State of South Carolina and (ii) Approval of the Transfer of Assets, including Customers, of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC to First Communications, LLC
Docket No. 2006-234-C, Our File No. 1202-11380

Dear Mr. Terreni :

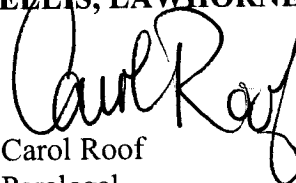
Enclosed for filing are two Affidavits of Publication for the Notice of Filing in the above-referenced proceeding.

 Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning via the United States Postal Service in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ELLIS, LAWHORNE & SIMS, P.A.

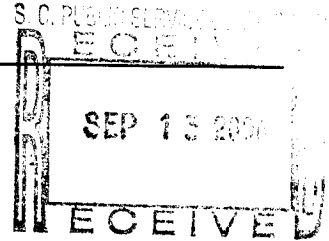

Carol Roof
Paralegal

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cc: Ms. Mary Cegelski
Katherine E. Barker Marshall, Esquire
enclosures (originals)

The Greenville News

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION



I, Susan F. Mullinax, being the legal advertising agent for *The Greenville News*, do hereby testify that the attached legal advertisement was published on 140 lines in *The Greenville News* on 8-17 2006.

Susan F. Mullinax

Susan F. Mullinax
Legal Advertising Representative

Jeanne M. Gullic

Jeanne M. Gullic
Notary Public for State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires April 4, 2013

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKETING DEPARTMENT
**NOTICE OF FILING
AND HEARING**
DOCKET NO. 2006-234-C
Acceris Management and Ac-
quisition LLC ("Acceris") and
First Communications, LLC
("First Comm") have filed
an Application with the Public
Service Commission of South
Carolina ("Commission"), pur-
suant to S.C. Code Ann. § 8-2-310,
requesting that the Commission
approve the Trans-

fer of assets, including business
customers, from Acceris to First
Comm. First Comm. requests
that the Commission grant it a
Certificate of Public Conveni-
ence and Necessity to provide
resold interexchange telecom-
munications services throughout
the State of South Carolina, pur-
suant to S.C. Code Ann. § 8-2-280
and Section 26-C of the Public
Service Commission's Rules and
Regs. 103-400, et. seq. First Com-
munications seeks authority to
provide a full array of resold in-
terexchange services, including
voice, data and broadband interex-
change services to business and resi-
dential customers in the State of South Car-
olina. Specifically, First Commu-
nications seeks authority to
provide basic 1+ long dis-
tance service, as well as known
as "Message" services, travel
communications service ("MIS"), travel
card services, and toll-free ser-
vices. First Commu-
nications also requests that the
Commission regulate its busi-
ness type long distance ser-
vices in accordance with the pri-
ciples and procedures es-
tablished for modified alterna-
tive regulation by Order No.
95-774-C and 95-83 in Docket No.
95-461-C, and 95-83 in Docket No.
2000-407-C.

A copy of the application is on
file in the offices of the Com-
mission, 101 Executive Center
Drive, Columbia, South Caroli-
na 29210, the Commission's web-
site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is
available from John J. Pringle,
Esquire & Sims, P.A., Law
Firm, 2202 Columbia, South Carolina
29202, Columbia, South Carolina
29210.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a hear-
ing on the above matter has
been scheduled to begin at 10:00
a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006
at the Public Service Commis-
sion's Law Library, 101 Executive Center Drive, South
Carolina 29210.
Any person who wishes to par-
ticipate in the hearing, as a par-
ty of record with the right to
cross-examination should file a
Petition to Intervene in ac-
cordance with the Commis-
sion's Rules of Practice and Pro-
cedure, or before Sep-
tember 13, 2006, and indicate the
amount of time required for the
presentation. Please include an
email address for receipt of fu-
ture Commission correspon-
dence in the Petition to Inter-
vene. Please refer to Docket No.
2006-234-C.

Any person who wishes to testi-
fy and present evidence at the
hearing, should file in the Doc-
keting Department in the Docket-
ing at the address below, the Of-
fice of Regulatory Staff at Post
Office, Box 11263, Colum-
bia, South Carolina 29211, and
John J. Pringle, Esquire, at the
address above, or before Sep-
tember 13, 2006, and indi-
cate the amount of time re-
quired for his presentation.
Please refer to Docket No.
2006-234-C, who wishes to be no-
tified of any change in the hear-
ing, but does not wish to present
testimony or be a party of re-
cord, may do so by noti-
fying the Docketing Depart-
ment in writing at the address
below on or before September 13,
2006. Please refer to Docket No.
2006-234-C.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any
person who wishes to have his or
her testimony considered as
pertinent to the hearing should
proceeding MUST present such
comments, in person, to the
Commission during the hearing.
Persons seeking information
about the Commission's Proce-
dure Rules and Regulations should
contact the Public Service Commission
of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Department
Post Office Drawer 1149
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
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**NOTICE OF
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DOCKET NO. 2006-234-C

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("Acceris") and First
Communications, LLC
("First Communications")
(together, "Applicants")
have filed an Application
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Commission of South
Carolina ("Commission"),
pursuant to S.C. Code
Ann. §58-9-310, request-
ing that the Commission
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96-55 in Docket No. 95-
661-C, and as modified
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Pringle, Esquire, Ellis,
Lawhorne & Sims, PA,
P.O. Box 2285, Colum-
bia, South Carolina
29202.

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

Personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support
Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

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was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in
the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

August 17, 2006

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Peggy Lawrence

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day August 21, 2006

Evelyn F. Harrison

Notary Public

My commission expires
March 10, 2013

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the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in
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ter, as a party of record
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mission during the hear-
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mission at (803) 896-
5100.
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